

making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 679, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 524. TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES.—

(a) APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES.—There are appropriated—

(1) \$60,000,000 to the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce to carry out the trade adjustment assistance for communities program under subchapter A of chapter 4 of the Trade Act of 1974;

(2) \$20,000,000 to the Secretary of Labor to carry out the Community College and Career Training Grant Program under subchapter B of chapter 4 of the Trade Act of 1974; and

(3) \$20,000,000 to the Secretary of Labor to carry out the Industry or Sector Partnership Grant Program for Communities Impacted by Trade under subchapter C of chapter 4 of the Trade Act of 1974.

(b) OFFSETS.—

(1) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title V of division D under the heading "LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE" under the heading "FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND" under the heading "REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES" under the heading "GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION" is decreased by \$50,000,000.

(2) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV of this division under the heading "LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES" under the heading "SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION" is decreased by \$50,000,000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate office building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 9 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Where Were the Watchdogs? Systemic Risk and the Breakdown of Financial Governance."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Getting to the Truth Through a Nonpartisan Commission of Inquiry" on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Haven Banks and U.S. Tax Compliance—Obtaining the Names of U.S. Clients with Swiss Accounts."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 562.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sara Crouse and Lauren Gannon from my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 146

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 146 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 146) to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisi-

tion and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each and with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; further, that the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, earlier this evening the majority leader filed cloture on the Omnibus appropriations bill. As a result, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments is 1 p.m. tomorrow. Rollcall votes in relation to pending amendments are expected to occur throughout the day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:06 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RONALD C. SIMS, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ROMOLO A. BERNARDI, RESIGNED.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

JOHN BERRY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE LINDA M. SPRINGER, RESIGNED.